

REMARKS

Please consider the above amendments and the following remarks.

No substantive changes have been made in this Preliminary Amendment. The amendment to the specification was made to correct a typographical error. It does not constitute new matter. Further, the Applicant has revised the claim set to correct typographical errors, remove multiple dependencies or otherwise to place the claims in allowable format. The new claims are from the original, multi-dependent claims. These amendments are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added by way of these claim amendments.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 12088/046001).

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